UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RASHEEN MILLS,

Petitioner,

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ORDER 03-CV-341

SUPERINTENDENT ROY A. GIRDICH, Upstate Correctional Facility,

Respondent.

This case was referred to Magistrate Judge Victor E. Bianchini, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). On April 28, 2003, petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. On November 13, 2008, petitioner filed a motion to stay and amend the petition for a writ of habeas corpus. On January 22, 2009, Magistrate Judge Bianchini filed a very thorough Report and Recommendation, recommending that the original petition for a writ of habeas corpus be dismissed and that the petitioner's motion to stay and amend the petition be denied.

Petitioner filed objections to the Report and Recommendation on March 20, 2009 and the respondent filed an affidavit in opposition to petitioner's objections.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), this Court must make a <u>de novo</u> determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections have been made. Upon a <u>de novo</u> review of the Report and

Recommendation, and after reviewing the submissions, the Court adopts the

proposed findings of the Report and Recommendation.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in Magistrate Judge Bianchini's Report

and Recommendation, petitioner's petition to stay and ament the petition for a writ

of habeas corpus is denied and the pettiion for a writ of habeas corpus is

dismissed.

The Court finds that petitioner has failed to make a substantial showing of

the denial of a constitutional right and, therefore, no certificate of appealability

shall issue. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

SO ORDERED.

s / Richard J. Arcara

HONORABLE RICHARD J. ARCARA

CHIEF JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: May 15, 2009

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